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1. The Field Gendarmerie was activated as part of the Polish Armed Forces in May 1949. Personnel of this force wore round visor-caps with a red band.
2. Gendarmerie schools were established to train replacements. One of these schools was located in Hirschberg (O 51/G 68). Only members of the Polish Youth Association ("MP": Związek Młodzieży Polskiej) who graduated from a seven-grade elementary school were admitted to the schools.
3. Trainees of Gendarmerie schools wore red visor-caps with a red band and dark blue trousers with a red strip along the seams. Graduates from Gendarmerie schools receive yellow pipings and a yellow oak leaf on the collar patches.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The Polish Field Gendarmerie is believed to exercise military police functions. According to a previous but unsubstantiated report, KBW (Polish Corps for Interior Security) units were attached to Polish Army units. It was assumed at that time that these KBW units were performing military police duties.

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